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David V. Abbott, Esq., Deputy Commissioner for the R.I. Department of Education, recently sent you a memo informing you of the new law that was passed this legislative session concerning school diabetes management. The law allows trained non-medical personnel to administer glucagon to intervene in a diabetes-related emergency if the school nurse is not available. Glucagon is a medication administered to people with diabetes when their blood sugar level drops dangerously low and the person is exhibiting symptoms that may lead to brain injury and death.

The Department of Health has been charged with the development of the training protocols and guidelines in collaboration with the American Diabetes Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Enclosed please find a tool kit that should be used by the staff that will perform the training on Glucagon administration. The toolkit includes:

- An Authorization Form for Glucagon Administration by Non-Nurse Personnel (to be completed by parents)
- A Glucagon Emergency Administration Training PowerPoint Presentation (with accompanying notes pages): Rhode Island has adopted New York's training presentation (based in part upon materials from the American Diabetes Association). The New York presentation was developed by the New York State Department of Health in collaboration with the New York State Board of Nursing and the New York Statewide School Health Services Center. The presentation can be shown on a computer, via a projector, or printed out.
- Link to a Glucagon Training Video to supplement the power point slides
- "A Certification Form of Training in Glucagon Administration for Volunteer Personnel in Schools"

➤ A Glucagon Training Resources Page

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